Year 4 Information for Parents Age Related Expectations for Reading

A Year 4 Reader can

Word Reading

I can apply my knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes to read aloud and to understand the meaning of unfamiliar words.

I can read further exception words, noting the unusual correspondences between spelling and sound.

I attempt pronunciation of unfamiliar words drawing on prior knowledge of similar looking words.

Comprehension

I know which books to select for specific purposes, especially in relation to science, geography and history learning.

I can use a dictionary to check the meaning of unfamiliar words.

I can discuss and record words and phrases that writers use to engage and impact on the reader.

I can identify some of the literary conventions in different texts.

I can identify the (simple) themes in texts.

I can prepare poems to read aloud and to perform, showing understanding through intonation, tone, volume and action.

I can explain the meaning of words in context.

I can ask relevant questions to improve my understanding of a text.

I can infer meanings and begin to justify them with evidence from the text.

I can predict what might happen from details stated and from the information I have deduced.

I can identify where a writer has used precise word choices for effect to impact on the reader.

I can identify some text type organisational features, for example, narrative, explanation and persuasion.

I can retrieve information from non-fiction texts.

I can build on others' ideas and opinions about a text in discussion.

Reading Targets

Exceeding Year 4 Expectations

I can locate and use information from a range of sources, both fiction and non-fiction.

I can compare fictional accounts in historical novels with the factual account.

I can appreciate the bias in persuasive writing, including articles and advertisements.

I can talk widely about different authors, giving some information about their backgrounds and the type of literature they produce.

I can use inference and deduction to work out the characteristics of different people from a story.

I can compare the language in older texts with modern Standard English (*spelling, punctuation and vocabulary*).

I can skim, scan and organise non-fiction information under different headings.

I can refer to the text to support my predictions and opinions.

I can recognise complex sentences.

I can show awareness of the listener through the use of pauses, giving emphasis and keeping up an appropriate pace so as to entertain and maintain interest.

Year 4 Information for Parents Age Related Expectations for Writing

A Year 4 Writer can:

Transcription

Spelling

I can spell words with prefixes and suffixes and can add them to root words.

I can recognise and spell homophones.

I can use the first two or three letters of a word to check a spelling in a dictionary.

I can spell the commonly mis-spelt words from the Y3/4 word list.

Handwriting

I can use the diagonal and horizontal strokes that are needed to join letters.

I understand which letters should be left unjoined.

My handwriting is legible and consistent; down strokes of letters are parallel and equidistant; lines of writing are spaced sufficiently so that ascenders and descenders of letters do not touch.

Composition

I can compose sentences using a range of sentence structures.

I can orally rehearse a sentence or a sequence of sentences.

I can write a narrative with a clear structure, setting and plot.

I can improve my writing by changing grammar and vocabulary to improve consistency.

I use a range of sentences which have more than one clause.

I can use appropriate nouns and pronouns within and across sentences to support cohesion and avoid repetition.

I can use direct speech in my writing and punctuate it correctly.

Grammar and punctuation

Sentence structure

I can use noun phrases which are expanded by adding modifying adjectives, nouns and preposition phrases.

I can use fronted adverbials.

Text structure

I can write in paragraphs.

I make an appropriate choice of pronoun and noun within and across sentences.

Punctuation

I can use inverted commas and other punctuation to indicate direct speech.

I can use apostrophes to mark plural possession.

I can use commas after fronted adverbials.

Writing Targets

Exceeding Year 4 Expectations

I am prepared to carry out some research to find words that are particular to the event being written about.

I can check to see if there are any sentences that can be re-organised so as to give my writing a greater impact.

I can deliberately use short sentences to speed up action sequences.

I can use dialogue and reactions from other characters to make my character interesting.

I can recognise when a simile may generate more impact than a metaphor, and vice versa.

I can recognise when it is reasonable to allow direct speech to tell the reader more about an individual's personality.

I can recognise that a combination of good adjectives, similes and metaphors may help create a powerful image of the characters I am writing about.

I know how to re-order sentences so that they create maximum effect.

I can vary my choice of pronouns correctly to refer to the first, second and third person, both singular and plural.

I can use commas or ellipses in order to create greater clarity and effect in my writing.

Year 4 Information for Parents Age Related Expectations for Maths

A Year 4 Mathematician can:

Number

I can recall all multiplication facts to 12 x 12.

I can round any number to the nearest 10, 100 or 1000 and decimals with one decimal place to the nearest whole number.

I can count backwards through zero to include negative numbers.

I can compare numbers with the same number of decimal places up to 2-decimal places.

I can recognise and write decimal equivalents of any number of tenths or hundredths.

I can add and subtract numbers with up to 4 digits using the formal written methods of columnar addition and subtraction.

I can divide a 1 or 2-digit number by 10 or 100 identifying the value of the digits in the answer as units, tenths and hundredths.

I can multiply 2-digit and 3-digit numbers by a 1-digit number using formal written layout.

I can solve two step addition and subtraction problems in context.

I can solve problems involving multiplication.

Measurement and geometry

I can compare and classify geometrical shapes, including quadrilaterals and triangles, based on their properties and sizes.

I know that angles are measured in degrees and can identify acute and obtuse angles.

I can compare and order angles up to two right angles by size.

I can measure and calculate the perimeter of a rectilinear figure in cm and m.

I can read, write and convert between analogue and digital 12 and 24 hour times.

I can interpret and present discrete and continuous data using appropriate graphical methods, including bar charts and time graphs.

Mathematics Targets

Exceeding Year 4 Expectations

I can use tenths, hundredths and thousandths when comparing values and solving addition and subtraction problems.

I can round any number to 100,000 to the nearest 10, 100, 1,000 or 10,000.

I can relate tenths and hundredths to fractional values.

I can rapidly find the answer when multiplying and dividing a whole or decimal number by 10.

I can solve multi-step problems involving more than one of the operations.

I can work out simple percentage values of whole numbers, for example, as met in on-going learning in science, history and geography

I can compare and add fractions whose denominators are all multiples of the same number.

I can use a 24-hour timetable to find out times for journeys between various places.

I can use my knowledge of perimeter to work out the perimeter of large areas around school, using metres and centimetres.

I can collect my own data on a given project and present information in graphical formats of my choosing.